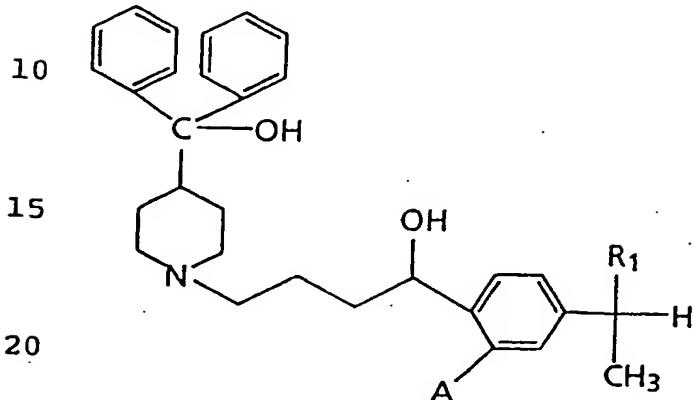


WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

5 1. A compound of the formula



wherein R₁ is -CH₃, -CH₂OH, -COOH or -COO-(C₁₋₆)alkyl; and
25 A is hydrogen or hydroxy;
including the stereoisomers, enantiomers, racemic mixtures
thereof or their pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

30 2. A compound according to claim 1 wherein A is H.

3. A compound according to claim 1 wherein A is OH.

4. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R₁ is -CH₃.

5. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R₁ is

35 5. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R_1 is
-CH₂OH.

6. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R₁ is -COOH.

7. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R_1 is
 $-COO-(C_{1-6})alkyl$.

8. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R_1 is
-COO-(C_{1-3})alkyl.

9. A compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound is 4-[4-[4-(hydroxydiphenylmethyl)-1-piperidinyl]-1-hydroxybutyl]- α -methylphenyl acetic acid

5 10. A compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound
is ethyl 4-[4-(4-(hydroxydiphenylmethyl)-1-piperidinyl)-1-
hydroxybutyl]- α -methylphenyl acetate.

10 11. A compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound
is 4-[4-(4-(hydroxydiphenylmethyl)-1-piperidinyl)-1-
hydroxybutyl]-2-methylphenethyl alcohol.

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12. A compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound
is 4-[4-(4-(hydroxydiphenylmethyl)-1-piperidinyl)-1-(4-
20 isopropylphenyl) butanol.

25 13. A composition comprising an assayable amount of a
compound of claim 1 in admixture or otherwise in association
with one or more inert carriers.

30 14. A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective
antiallergic amount of compound of claim 1 in admixture or
otherwise in association with one or more pharmaceutically
acceptable carriers or excipients.

35 15. A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective
antihistaminic amount of compound of claim 1 in admixture or
otherwise in association with one or more pharmaceutically
acceptable carriers or excipients.

16. A method for treating allergic reactions in a
patient in need thereof which comprises administering to
said patient an effective antiallergic compound of claim 1.

17. A method for treating allergic reactions in a
patient in need thereof which comprises administering to
said patient an effective antihistaminic compound of
claim 1.